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Christmas Greetings

... and she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

*The Gospel According to St. Luke,
Chapter 2, Verse 7.*



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Recent Blizzard Plays Havoc In District

GRASSLAND — The recent blizzard played havoc with the roads in the district. The highway was blocked for two days and many district roads are still impassable as the municipal equipment proved inadequate to cope with the emergency.

Lloyd Bennett's bulldozer, just returned from work on the Banff-Jasper highway, was pressed into service to break a road from Prosperity to Paxson in order to rush a Prosperity girl to hospital at Athabasca.

Grassland School closed on Monday and did not re-open until Thursday with a very small attendance as most school buses were still unable to break through on their usual routes.

Grassland

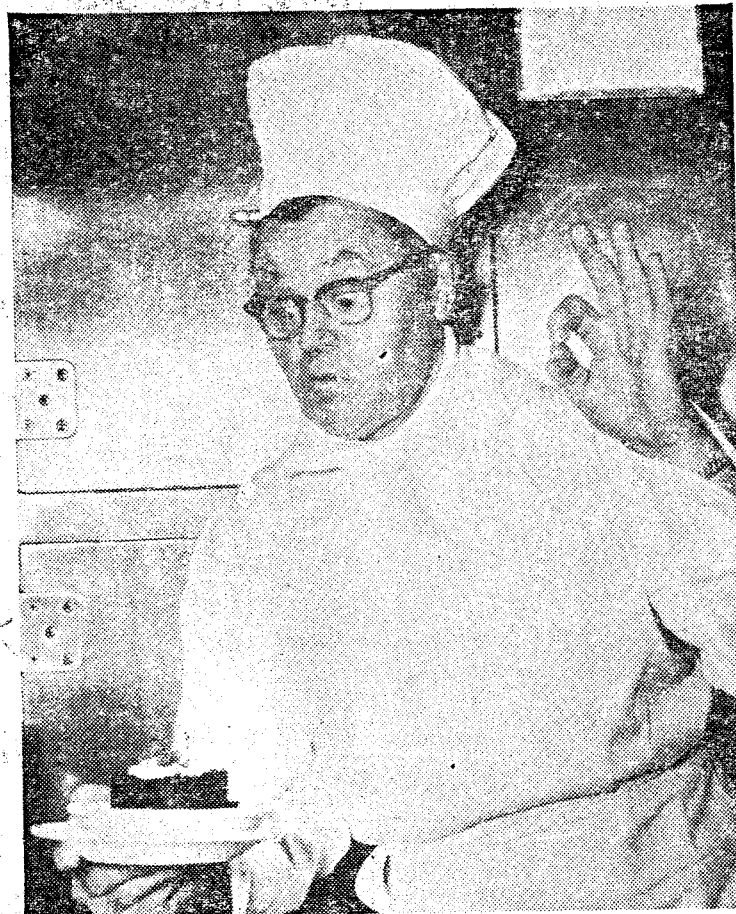
Tuesday was "Dog Day" in Grassland. Dogs from as far away as Lac la Biche were brought in by their owners for inoculation against rabies.

The skating rink is now open after much work by local residents, who have been levelling the rink and hauling water for many days.

Don Rogne has left for the Yukon to work for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Sworin have returned from a visit to the United States, where Pete renewed acquaintance with his brother at Scranton, Pa., whom he had not seen for 43 years. Leaving Grassland Nov. 14, they were away for several weeks. The journey was made by train with a stop-over at Toronto, Ont., where other friends and relatives were visited.

Amateur Night was held Friday in the community hall, before a large and appreciative audience. Prizes were awarded as follows: first, High School choir; second, Georgia Medwid; third, Ruthie Fedwick; fourth, Natalie and Virginia Medwid; fifth, Gail Dakin, and Nancy Petryk. The choir, under the direction of Mr. MacNeil, showed great promise.



DEE-LICIOUS! That's what Canadian National Railways Chef Instructor Joseph F. Nellis seems to be thinking after producing a fruity plum pudding on a CNR dining car. Chef Nellis and his assistants have spent a month preparing sufficient puddings to serve 21,000 CNR travellers this Yuletide season. Made from a famous century-old recipe, they will be served in all CNR diners between December 16 and January 3. And the puddings are only part of the menu—there'll be ten tons of roast turkey, too.

Storm Halts Traffic In Plamondon

Many roads were made impassable by the heavy snow storm last week. Two of the school buses were unable to follow their regular routes for one day. The first day of the storm, all the school vans left right after dinner with the pupils.

The milkman, Paul Bosse, from Lac la Biche Creamery, was unable to get to Piquette's Dairy until late afternoon for the milk.

There was no mail service in Plamondon and Wandering River on Wednesday.

2-Day Municipal Council Meeting

MEANOOOK — The Municipal Council had a busy two-day session in the council chambers here this month. The meeting was held Dec. 8 and 9.

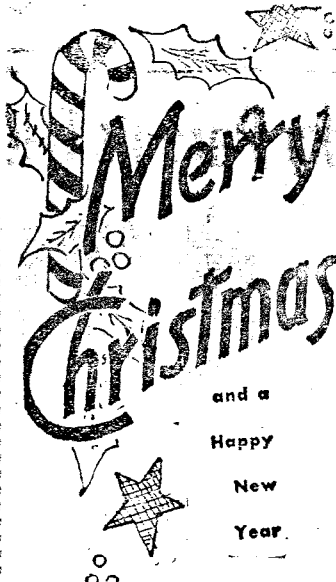
As soon as minutes of this meeting as well as minutes of the November meeting have been received from the municipal office, they will be published in the Colinton Clipper, Boyle Beacon and Lac la Biche Herald.



Your mailbox can't
hold all the good
wishes we're sending
to you and yours at
Christmastime!

George Homeniuk
Your Oliver Dealer
LAC LA BICHE Alta.

Another year has rolled by. As we see it, this is another opportunity to make new friends and serve our old ones. May we offer you our best wishes for a Happy New Year.



LAC LA BICHE
MERCANTILE



A Happy
Christmas
to you!

CORSE
TRANSPORT

GRASSLAND Alta.

More Cold Weather --- No Relief in Sight

There was no relief in sight for school children and those by Albertans who have been besieged by sustained cold weather since early in November. Over the week-end, temperatures dipped to nearly 40 below in parts of the province.

Over the week municipal authorities in rural Alberta were busy directing plowing of snow-filled roads where drifts were piled up. Farmers were unable to get to town and school buses couldn't make their rounds to take youngsters.

Schools that closed on Monday, Dec. 12, hadn't opened again by Friday of last week. Any relief in sight? There is a remote possibility of a storm centre, now on the Pacific coast, giving a day's reprieve next week, but that chance is very, very remote.

Banks, City Hall Remain Open December 27th

EDMONTON (BUP) — Banks and city hall will remain open Tuesday, Dec. 27, although that day has been proclaimed a holiday by the provincial government this year.

As Christmas Day falls on a Sunday, Monday and Tuesday have been proclaimed official holidays, although stores are not compelled to close on the Tuesday. However, a survey shows that most stores will remain closed for the two-day holiday.

Under the city closing by-law, stores may stay open all day Wednesday, Dec. 28.



WM. LEFEBVRE
VENICE Alberta



FROM
**EATON'S
OF CANADA**

TO ALL OUR
Mail Order Friends-

A
Joyous Christmas
AND A
Happy New Year

Merchants Of Lac la Biche Give Presents To First Baby Born In 1956

There is no special virtue placed in the first baby of a new year, for he is born with no idea of what the future holds in store for him, nor what is taking place in the present. Yet, it will be interesting to watch who will be the first baby born in the new year in Lac la Biche.

The pink bassinets at the new St. Catharine's Hospital are waiting to receive the newcomer, and the merchants of Lac la Biche have generously donated to the new baby or its parents, some articles from their stores.

The new baby will be something special, for he will be a new being born in a new year, and maybe sometime in the future a famous man may pull something out of a bottom drawer and say: "Look! here's something a merchant in Lac la Biche gave me when I made my appearance in this world."

South Athabasca

R. N. Russell, Mrs. H. Minns and Bryce Minns were delegates to the Farmers' Union Convention in Edmonton, Dec. 5 to 9.

Donnie Bahty boasts of an aeroplane ride in the plane piloted by Jim Keir.

Stanley Goodwin is working on a gravel haul at Widewater, Alta. G. Soper Sr. and Mr. G. Anderson have both been patients in the Athabasca Municipal Hospital.

Recent city visitors were Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Russell, Mrs. H. Minns, Mr. B. Minns, Mr. J. D. Loisel, Denise and Dennis.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Olson Sr. have moved to Edmonton for the winter months. They will keep house for their sons Oscar and Jimmy, who have recently purchased a house.

Tommy Bowzaylo is employed at the Athabasca Creamery.

Alfred Olson is working with a building crew in Athabasca.

J. D. Loisel and son, Wayne, motored to Widewater last week. On their return they were accompanied by Mrs. B. Loisel, who resides in St. Albert.

Congratulations to Denis Loisel, who was one of the pupils in the Athabasca-Lac la Biche area to receive an honor pin for high marks in the grade 9 exams.

Miss Evelyn Johnson of the South Athabasca district was married to Riel Boisvert, Nov. 23. The young couple will make their home on the groom's farm in the Parkhurst district.

At the annual W.A. meeting held at the home of Mrs. Carl Olson, the following officers were re-elected: president, Mrs. D. V. MacLeod; vice-president, Mrs. H. Minns; secretary, Mrs. Carl Olson; treasurer, Mrs. L. S. Willey; work convenor, Miss A. Cook; flower fund secretary, Mrs. G. Soper.

The St. Alban's branch of the W.A. held a very successful turkey supper, Nov. 26.

Ralph Johnson had as a weekend guest, Jimmie Faragini of Meanook.

Pan American World Airways, placing orders for forty-five jet-propelled airliners at a cost of \$269,000,000 said that jet service would be instituted in December, 1958.

1/2 Dozen Loaves of Bread

These will be presented to the parents of the first baby to be born in Lac la Biche in 1956.

Richard's Bakery
LAC LA BICHE Alta.

News Is Published Promptly.

From time to time readers of the weekly papers published for the Municipal District of Athabasca ask: why doesn't the paper publish the news sooner?

Sometimes, of course, district reporters just don't get the details in time for publication of the next paper and it has to wait another week. At other times, particularly in the pre-Christmas season, mails may be slow and news that is 24 hours late getting to the newspaper office may be a week late getting into the paper.

All municipal news and notices are published promptly as soon as possible after they are received. Often, due to pressure of work in the municipal office at Meanook, the staff is not able to transcribe

the minutes right after the meeting. But as soon as the editor gets them they are edited at once and published in the very next issue to go to press.

Christmas Hours For Stores

Stores in Lac la Biche will be open all day Thursday and Friday, Dec. 22 and 23, and Saturday until 8 p.m.

Stores will be closed Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 26 and 27.

Change of Name

ATHABASCA — In the recent issue of the Alberta Gazette the firm of Hunter Truck & Implement Ltd. has advertised intention to change the name of the company. It is to be known in future as Hunter and Gillies. The application is signed by D. B. Hunter, president, and Davies & Chamberlain, solicitors for the applicant.

Mrs. Thompson WI President

BOYLE — At a recent annual Women's Institute meeting, the following were elected to office: president, Mrs. Frank Thompson; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Paul Andruski; vice-president, Mrs. F. Klassen; directors, Mrs. Loy, to Boyle.

Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Jellico.

Mrs. Loy was appointed representative from the club to attend council meetings. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Thompson are on the library committee.

Mrs. Young and Mrs. Andruski are in charge of flowers, cards and visiting the sick and new-comers.

We send sincere congratulations and best wishes . . .



To the parents of the first 1956 baby to be born in Lac la Biche

We ask them to call round at our garage, bring the car, and we will give them \$2.00 worth of gas.

LAC LA BICHE GARAGE

LAC LA BICHE

Alberta

MICHAEL HAMAR CO. LTD.

will be proud to present

1 Case of Baby Foods

to the parents of the first baby to be born in Lac la Biche in 1956.

Who Will It Be? — Let's Wait and See



MICHAEL HAMAR CO. LTD.

Phone 2

GENERAL MERCHANTS

LAC LA BICHE, Alta.

Who Will the Lucky Parents Be?

To the First Baby born in 1956, we will give

a roast to the proud parents.



DUMAS MEAT MARKET

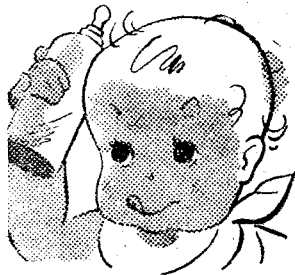
LAC LA BICHE

Alberta

To the lucky parents of the first baby to be born in Lac la Biche in 1956

we will give

A BABY SET
and
Brush and Comb



We Also Extend Our Very Best Wishes

STEWART'S REXALL DRUG

LAC LA BICHE

Alberta

It's Not . . .

"Where will the baby's dimple be?"

But . . .

"WHO WILL THE BABY BE???"



The first baby to be born in 1956 in the Town of Lac la Biche, will be presented with

1 Silk Baby Dress

This Will Be Given To The Lucky Parents By The

5c - \$1.00 Store

LAC LA BICHE

Alta.

Mrs. Young Wins Christmas Turkey

BOYLE—The bingo and whist sponsored by the Community Club on Saturday, Dec. 10, was attended by a small crowd.

Winner of the grand prize, a Christmas turkey, was won by Mrs. Young of Hondu, who was visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Gyles. The only other big prize, a bed-room lamp was won by James MacNamara, Sr.

Small prizes were won by Florence Horkoff, Mary Griffith, Elizabeth Griffith, Noel MacNamara and Mrs. James MacNamara, Jr. Whist winners were: ladies' high, Mrs. Metro Chamzuk; ladies' low Mrs. Ted Gyles; men's high, Clarence Mellott; men's low, Noel MacNamara.

Following the whist and bingo, coffee and sandwiches were served.

Marie Galloway Becomes Bride In Holy Trinity

ATHABASCA — A pretty wedding took place in Holy Trinity Church, Edmonton, on Dec. 3, when Gail, youngest daughter of Mrs. J. D. Galloway and the late Mr. Galloway of Athabasca, became the bride of Roy Fodchuk, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Fodchuk of Athabasca. Rev. W. Nainby performed the ceremony.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Tony Korble of Vermilion, wore a charcoal wool suit, flecked with white, with white accessories and a corsage of red roses. Her only jewelry was a strand of pearls with matched ear-rings, a gift of the groom.

The bridesmaid, Miss Sheila Pherril, wore a blue-gray tailored suit with white accessories and corsage of yellow roses.

Jay Champion of Fort Saskatchewan was best man.

Following the ceremony, a wedding supper was held at the Seven Seas, at which Mr. Korble proposed the toast to the bride. Here the bridal party found waiting for them, a congratulatory telegram from their friends in Athabasca.

Later a reception was held at the home of Mrs. J. Poloway, sister of the groom.

The mother of the bride wore a navy blue dress with a corsage of pink roses and the mother of the groom also wore navy, with a corsage of white roses.

The couple will reside in Edmonton.

Pravda, Communist paper, has 4,900,000 circulation.



Michael Maccagno
LAC LA BICHE Alberta

82-Year Resident Flies To Germany

SOUTH-ATHABASCA — D. Keir Sr., an old time resident of the Athabasca district, left Edmonton by T.C.A. plane for Frankfurt, Germany, where he plans on spending the winter with his son-in-law and daughter, Major and Mrs. Harold Pedrazzin.

Mr. Keir's youngest son, James, of Edmonton, flew to the Keir farm, accompanied by his two sons, Donald and Keith. There they landed, took Mr. Keir aboard and flew him back to Edmonton. Mr. Keir is eighty-two years old.

Nine Tables Play At Whist Drive

PERRYVALE — Nine tables of whist were in play at the Women's Club whist drive and sale of work held Friday, Dec. 9.

Winners of prizes were: Mrs. T. Golonko, ladies' first; P. Ward, men's first; consolations prizes, Lynne Kwasney and J. Clark.

Amber Valley

Recent visitors were Jeff Alfrell and P. K. Bowen and Earl Heslep from Calgary and Winnifred Bowen from Edmonton.

The Sneed family have friends from Calgary visiting them.

Due to the blizzard and drifted roads, Mr. Cromwell was unable to get back from Colinton to open school on Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Whittaker were caught in the recent snow storm on the way home from Athabasca. They burnt out the clutch on his car, and had to leave it on the road

and walk a mile and a half to a neighbor's house.

The mail man didn't make his trip on Tuesday, due to drifting roads.

Rev. D. W. Parks accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Spies from Athabasca held a gospel meeting in the school on Sunday night. Agnes and Lonnie sang a special song.

Boyle

The St. Paul's tea and sale held on Dec. 9, was attended by a fair crowd. A doll was raffled with tickets holding ladies' names instead of numbers. The lucky winner was Frankie Klassen holding the name "Beatrice."

Due to cold weather and drifting snow most of the Boyle school children had a holiday on last Monday, because the buses were unable to get through. Tuesday, the whole school remained closed.

Thursday evening, Mrs. Paul Andruski, Mrs. Frank Smith and Mrs. Frank Thompson met at the home of Mrs. Klassen to make the W.I. year program books.

Arvid Stromberg and Eric Clintberg spent a few days hunting at Edson.

The Andruski family were thrilled to learn of the arrival of the first twins in the family. They are twin daughters born to Mr. and Mrs. Nick Andruski of Athabasca in the Athabasca hospital on Dec. 14.

Visiting their homes over the weekend were Patsy and Lois Macnamara and Larry Pickford.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith have returned from an enjoyable three week vacation in Prince George, B.C.

Perryvale

Mr. and Mrs. Rhein and family of Leduc visited relatives here recently.

The severe blizzard and blocked roads forced the closing of the roads and the school bus was unable to operate. The HSA meeting was also cancelled.

Johnny and his boys will play

for the dance on Boxing Night Monday, Dec. 26, and Peter Dunn's Mountain Boys are scheduled to play for a dance Friday, Dec. 30.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Banack and family will spend Christmas with relatives in Camrose and district. The girls' 4-H Club met Dec. 21.

May you be showered with good fortune on Christmas Day.



May your Christmas holiday

be filled with joy and fun...

And may the coming New Year,

be your very nicest one!

C. M. SUTTON

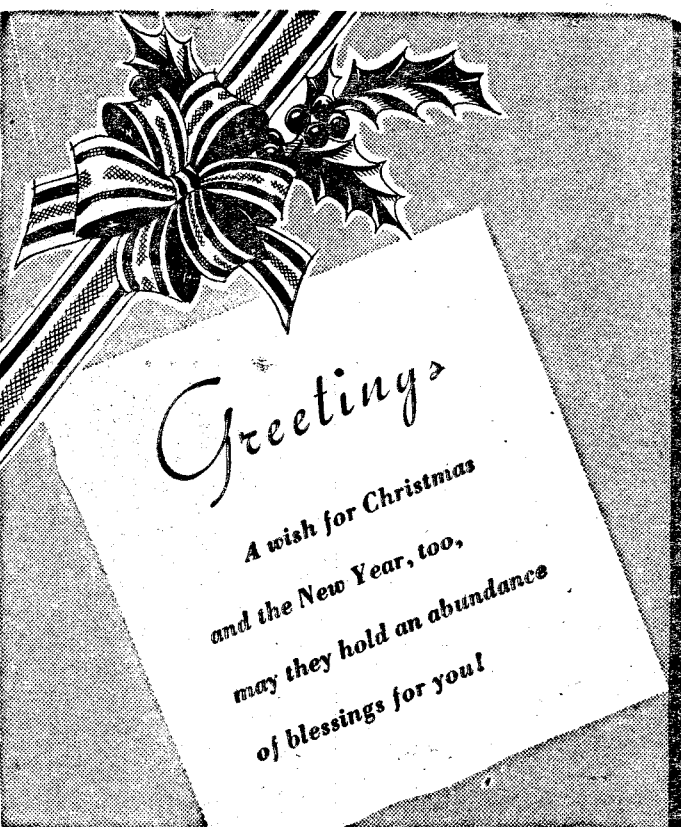
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*Compliments
of the
Season*

MISCHUK'S GENERAL STORE
LAC LA BICHE Alberta



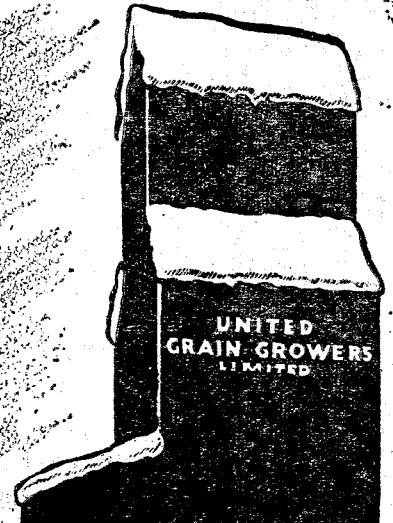
Greetings

*A wish for Christmas
and the New Year, too,
may they hold an abundance
of blessings for you!*

Manager E. G. Dobson and Staff
Northland Utilities Ltd.
LAC LA BICHE Alberta



May
the Joy
and Peace
of Christmas
bless your
household and
bring happiness to
those within and
to those who cross your
threshold during the
Christmas Season



UNITED GRAIN GROWERS
Canada's Original Farmer Cooperative 1906-1955

Your Local U.G.G. Agent **J. G. (John) Hackman**

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY, 1905

By JENNIE MACLEOD, Lake Isle, Alta.

There has been a light fall of snow, just enough for sleighing, which covered the ugly brown and black of the surrounding country with a white blanket that sparkled like diamonds in the bright Alberta sunshine.

A cheering picture, but it only made Amanda more lonely. And I guess if we were away from Mother and home for the first time, also away from our homeland as well, with Christmas only a few days off, it would be reason enough to be blue.

At least that's the way Amanda felt, with no relatives with whom to spend Christmas. Of course, their one and only neighbor would be over Christmas day, but she wished there could be a party or gathering, like going to Church where they could sing Christmas carols and hymns. That would perhaps break up that empty feeling within her.

Then suddenly things changed. She saw from the window that she had a lady visitor. It was Mrs. Grey, a Cree Indian, and she was on horseback. The sturdy little pony she was riding almost sagged under her weight, as she was a hefty woman close to three hundred pounds.

Amanda invited her in for a cup of coffee, which she seemed pleased to accept and to enjoy very much. She admired everything in the neat log house, from cheese-cloth curtains, to the braided rug at the door. When she was drinking her third cup of coffee, she told Amanda of her errand. She wanted them and their neighbors to come over for Christmas day for dinner. Amanda, not daring to refuse although she feared Indians, said they would be pleased to come. Yes, she would tell her neighbors and bring them along.

But Amanda was far from pleased at the invitation, she was shocked. Fear replaced the loneliness. After Mrs. Grey had gone she went over to her neighbor's and told her of Mrs. Grey's visit and the invitation for dinner. Also of the horrible dread she had of going there.

"She might even get so drunk that she will kill us all," moaned Amanda.

But Maria, being older, looked

at it more sensibly. "She likely just wants to be friendly and make us welcome. Perhaps she is lonely too. We will have to go and show we appreciate their kindness."

"Besides, after being in jail for two years for killing that trapper, she isn't going to do anything to get herself locked up again. And do you know, Maria continued," When Nels told Mr. Grey that his wife killed a man, he said he would leave her in jail. Instead, he spent all the money he had made in a lifetime, fur-trading, getting her out. Mr. Grey said to kill a man is nothing. Just like killing a dog."

Christmas day came and they were on their way. The trading-post operated by Mr. and Mrs. Grey was built on a fairly high plateau, on the north shore of Island Lake. Protected to the north by a hill and to the west and east by heavy timber was the cluster of buildings that formed their home and trading-post. As the visitors drove up, several dogs raced around barking. Mrs. Grey came out and yelled at the dogs in Cree and at the sound of her voice they stopped their fierce barking.

She invited the company in to the main building, and after the bright sunshine the room seemed dim and hazy but after a while they became accustomed to the light. Several Indians were sitting on the floor with a bottle near at hand and the men were invited to join them. The table was already set with 12 places. Each plate held a cooked rabbit. There was also a kind of bread as well as a pail of syrup.

When the visitors had their coats off they were invited to sit down and eat. Amanda asked, "How am I going to eat without a knife and fork?"

Mrs. Grey just laughed and said, "I show you." She lifted a rabbit from a plate with her hands, raised it to her mouth and chewed away.

When dinner was over Mrs. Grey came up behind Amanda, laying a heavy hand on each of her shoulders. Then bending over, she kiss-

ed her, first on one cheek, then the other.

"My sister," she said, "My white sister." Then she kissed her again.

Two of the Indians had been chanting a tuneless air, "Tom-tum, tum-tum, tom-tum-tum-tom." It seemed to Amanda that they were beating it into her brain. The dinner, the smell of whiskey, the smoke and the strong odor were making her dizzy and now these kisses. She clutched at the table to steady herself, then someone opened the door to let a dog out. The rush of cold, fresh air revived her and she was able to stand up.

She thanked Mrs. Grey and said, "I am glad to be your sister," although she didn't want to be adopted into this family.

Then Maria said it was time to go home and soon they were on their way. Their first Christmas party in Canada was over, but the vivid memories of it remained forever with the two first white women of the district.

Not in the sense of custom only, but with a genuine appreciation of our pleasant relations during the last year, we extend to you our best wishes for an old fashioned Christmas and a New Year of Happiness and Prosperity.



GREETINGS

Merry Christmas to all

O. D. TREMBLAY

LAC LA BICHE Alta.



Police Court News

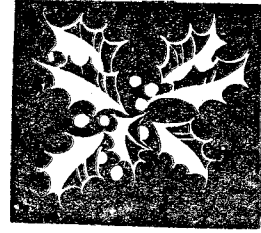
ATHABASCA — In a report made public on Wednesday, Constable T. Swain, of the Athabasca Police Force, released figures dealing with his department during the year, October 31, 1954 to November 1, 1955, which were as follows:

59 liquor cases, 52 traffic cas-

es, (heard in court, not tickets), 53 criminal cases; 8 suspended sentences; 4 twenty-four hour floaters; 7 cases dismissed with costs; 2 cases appealed; 1 giving false information; 18 jail sentences. This report does not include auto accidents investigated.

September copper sales were the highest since May, 1953.

Greetings



A Merry Christmas to you all! May goodwill and happiness be in abundance on this joyous Holiday for all our friends and patrons!

WM. HAMILTON
LAC LA BICHE Alta.



Sincerest and best wishes during this holiday season. May Good Luck, Good Health and Good Fortune smile upon you all the days of your life.

SAM WOOLL

LAC LA BICHE

Alberta

"Peace on Earth Good Will Toward Men"



Wishing you happiness and plenty in your home — joy in your heart — and abiding peace in every nation throughout the world.

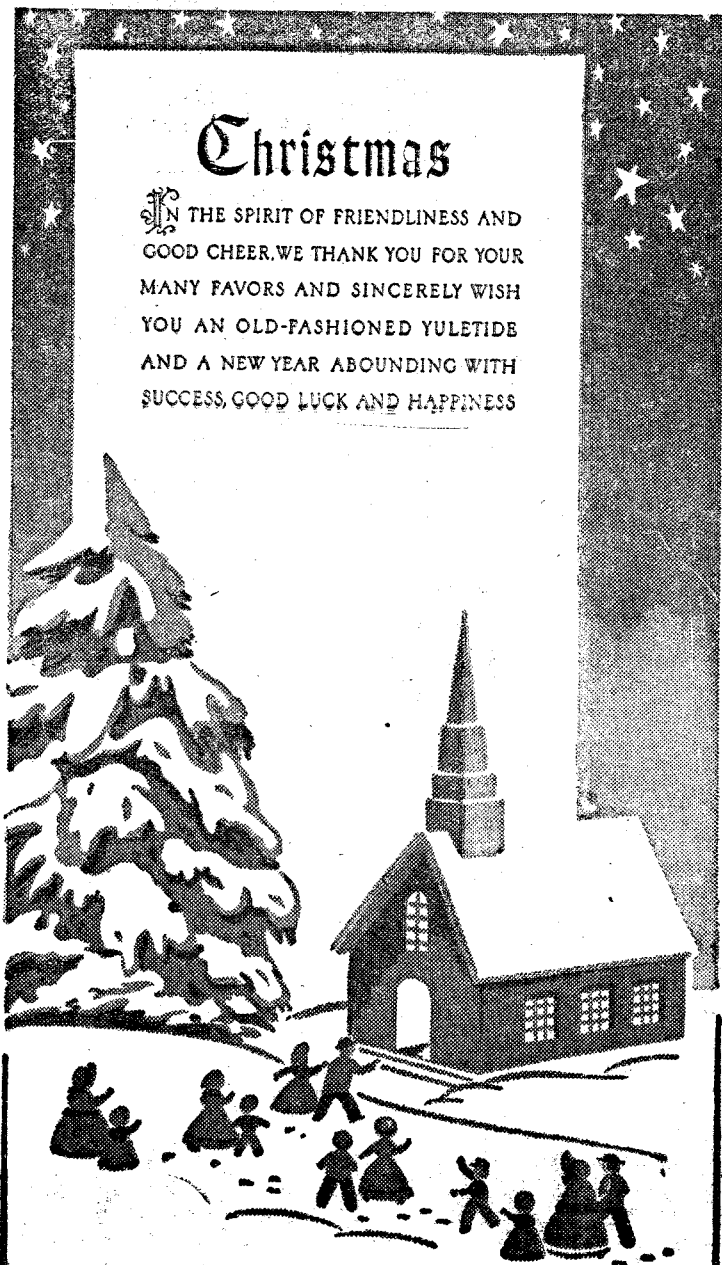
This Is the Sincere Wish of All Who Are Privileged to Serve You Through The Year at

Hudson's Bay Company

INCORPORATED 2ND MAY 1670.

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Alberta



Christmas

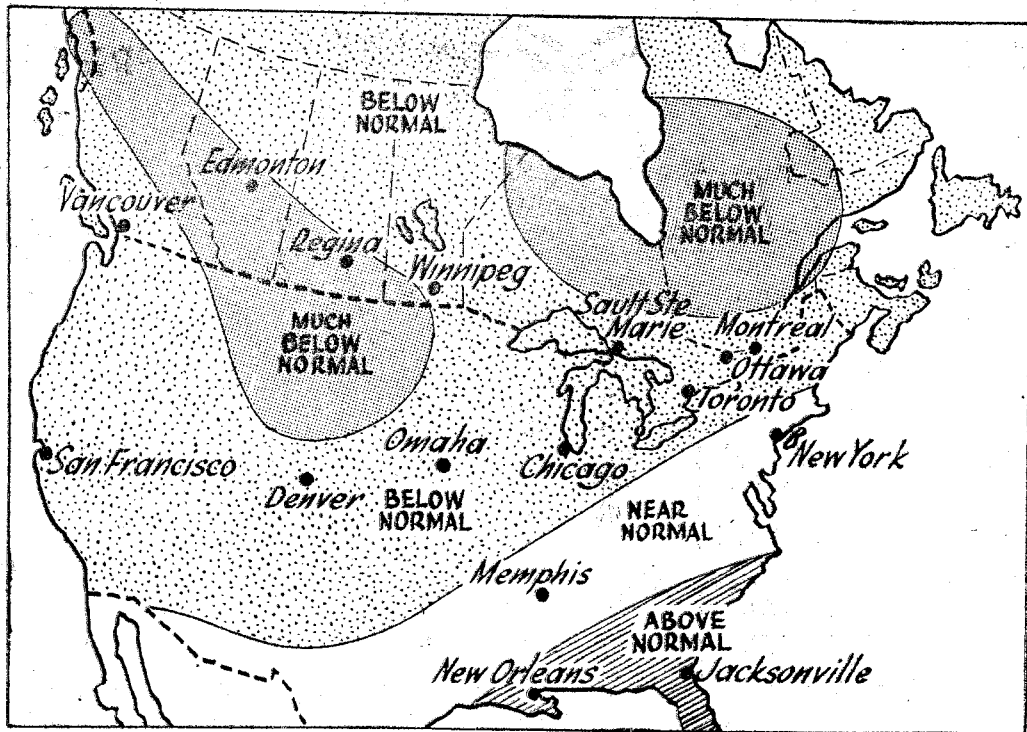
IN THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDLINESS AND GOOD CHEER, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR MANY FAVORS AND SINCERELY WISH YOU AN OLD-FASHIONED YULETIDE AND A NEW YEAR ABOUNDING WITH SUCCESS, GOOD LUCK AND HAPPINESS

"HEC" McCORMICK

LAC LA BICHE

Alberta

Weather Man Predicts a Cold Christmas for Canada



It looks as if most of Canada can expect a white Christmas and a cold one. Below-normal temperatures are forecast for most of the country during the next 30 days by the weather bureau. Most of Alberta is in the much below normal category.

—SNS Photo

Lake Wabamun New Park Site

EDMONTON (BUP) — The chairman of the Provincial Parks Committee, W. A. Wood, said a new 613-acre provincial park will be established at Moonlight Bay on the north shore of Lake Wabamun, 40 miles west of Edmonton.

Wood said the program for the development of the park had not been completed yet, but surveys had been made and improvements will be made this summer.

A second park to serve the residents of Cross Lake, 100 miles northwest of Edmonton, will also be constructed, Mr. Wood said. The Cross Lake park will cover about 900 acres and work on the project will start next summer.

Plan Airport In Nisku Area

EDMONTON — Transport minister Marler has advised Edmonton that the federal government is going ahead with plans to acquire land in the Nisku area south of the city for a multi-million-dollar

international airport. The letter followed city council's acceptance of a federal provision that it be responsible for a satellite airfield for small aircraft.



NOEL

May all the happiness of this joyous season bless your home and all who enter it at Christmas!

Stewart's Rexall Drug
LAC LA BICHE ALA.

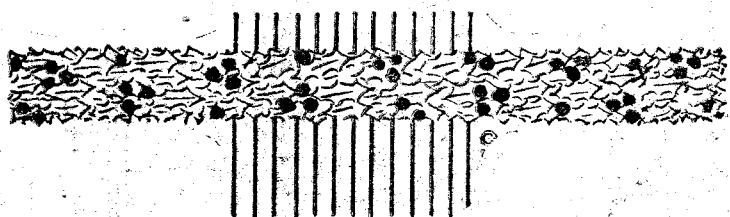
Things Are Brighter Now In Northern Farming Districts

Things are brighter in the farming business in Northern Alberta since the initial quota of 1,000 units since November 15. Producers in the past week or two. Since Hon. C. D. Howe's visit to Alberta last week the railways have speeded up boxcar shipments with barley to sell can now deliver 1,000 bushels over and above their quotas of No. 3CW barley for malting purposes. In addition to this, 150. It is expected now that further a quota of one bushel to the cultivated acre has been added to the deliveries will materialize.



GREETINGS

May the warmth and friendship of the Christmas Spirit be with you at this wonderful Holiday Season!



5c TO \$1.00 STORE

LAC LA BICHE

Alberta



Season's Greetings

The brightest light of the Christmas season is the opportunity to express our thanks for your confidence and loyalty and to wish to each of you the many joys of a Merry, Merry Christmas...

Lac la Biche Garage

RUDIGAR & SON

LAC LA BICHE

Alberta

Mr. Berkelo, Lac la Biche Fur Rancher, Is Raising Your Wife's New Mink Coat

By HENRY THOMPSON

The Lac la Biche district is famous for good fishing, wonderful scenery and the high quality of mink fur produced. One of the fur farmers who has achieved remarkable efficiency in the specialized business of raising premium mink is J. Berkelo.

This is a highly specialized business, and the mink pelts form the raw material from which those beautiful, shimmering objects of delight and glamor, a mink fur coat is fashioned.

Starting from scratch in 1945 with thirty mink, he has built his ranch up to a capacity of nine hundred mink, present stocks, before pelting around seven hundred, leaving room for expansion when conditions justify the increase. Feed costs are a controlling factor in this regard. Coast fish have been hard to get this summer and local fish are available only in certain months, are not of quantities that can be depended on. Considerable feed is purchased from the packing plants. A third of the feed is cereal, the balance is fish and meat products.

Mink ranchers are increasingly dependent on outside sources of their feed. In the early days, local fish made up the bulk of mink rations. At one time there were approximately one hundred and forty mink ranchers around Lac la Biche Lake that depended largely on supplies from this lake. Today, there are forty mink farms in this area. A conservative estimate of the pelt production would be twenty thousand mink. Investment capital would be in the neighborhood of a half million dollars without the mink.

A much better grade of mink in the higher demand furs, is the rule rather than the exception in all the farms today. A better knowledge of breeding and feeding has paid off, in a wider margin of hard earned profits that are so minutely examined by government, income tax collectors. Efficiency of management which provides new buildings, better equipment, storage space and your own freezer. Pen replacements or additions are diligently scrutinized for possible tax increases by local authorities. Delapidated construction by unprideful owners pays off in a much lower taxation rate.

Mr. Berkelo built his freezer in 1954, before that he used the Co-op freezer, where he is still a shareholder although he uses no allotment of space. The new building is covered with aluminium which gives it a very attractive appearance. Twenty-ton capacity, Northern Utilities supply the electricity. Automatic controls hold the freezer at set temperature without bother to the owner. An experiment in insulation that has proven one hundred percent satisfactory was tried out. Wire netting nailed to upright studding on the inside, the two-foot space was packed to a close density at a big saving over commercial kinds advertised. The machinery is all installed under the one roof, but is separated by the insulated wall, through which a heavy insulated close fitting door gives entrance to the freezer part. Inside the freezer is fitted with stalls, the meat and fish quick frozen and piled in neat rows at the back.

Feeding time had passed when I arrived, but I was able to watch the preparation of cereal for feeding the next day, consisting of ground oats and wheat or equivalent. The cereal is placed in a six hundred pound capacity cooler and mechanical mixer which is heated by propane gas jets from the underside. Cooking is timed feeding of the mink is just once a day.

Questioned in regard to the disease-free record, he has maintained on this farm in the last ten years. Mr. Berkelo replied without any hesitation, absolute cleanliness in the preparation of the food and utensils as well as on the outside of the pens. An ample supply of

food on hand at all times. No food is allowed to accumulate at the pens, all refuse food is removed and destroyed. Fresh water with each feeding and in the summer, the mink must have a plentiful supply. A force pump brings the water from a well and is carried by hoses to where it is needed. A well fed mink is a profitable animal, not over-fed, but well nourished and fed on a regular time schedule.

The mink are kept in separated individual pens, in a series of long rows, two rows face each other with an alley-way between. Males are housed on one side and the females opposite. Males require slightly more feed and this arrangement allows for more individual attention. Tags with record of performance are tacked to the pens, their counterparts recorded elsewhere. Poor producers are pelted and replaced with offspring from the best females. The best males are also tagged for performance.

Most mink farmers agree that a record of four kits to a litter is a good average. Mr. Berkelo agrees with these figures, but from my study of record tags, I am inclined to credit him with a larger average year by year production. A few litters have recorded twelve, but numbers from five to eight appear quite frequent and are consistent with certain females.

Pure white mink mated do not produce healthy kits and such mating often are sterile. This appears to be about the limit that can be followed along that line. The standard black is the foundation of all mutations, to which a breeder must eventually return before proceeding along any particular breeding formula. Other colors such as silver blue, pastel or sapphire do not seem to have this particular handicap as do the pure whites. There are probably twenty different mutations, but the weath of Spring has the most appealing name of them all. However, this mutation is being dropped as the fur does not carry much approval from the furriers.

The pens are completely surrounded by a Page wire fence about four feet high. It is so constructed that these agile little animals could be kept from escaping to the outside world by so low a fence, which is standard for all the ranches. However, I have been told by mink ranchers that often when a mink has accidentally escaped a pen, that they have been trapped close to the fence, as the mink hang around for quite some time.

The pens are placed about on frames about belt-high off the ground, are about four feet long by two feet square; the beds are on the back end of these pens. The colony houses that contain the breeding stock are roofed and enclosed. The other pens are in the open except for cover tops.

An unusual feature of this ranch is the quietness of the mink and the lack of the usual stench associated with a mink ranch. The owner had to coax these animals from their beds by scratching on the wire and other noises so that I could get a good look at them. They were all sleek, fat, just before pelting, when I was there. The male kits from this year's crop were fine, big animals. Although I am no judge of mink, I was strongly impressed by their even sizes and vigor, after we had stirred them from their sleeping quarters.

Farmers will be interested to know that a third of the feed is made up of cereals, which are cooked and mixed with the raw fish and meats. Some sixteen tons of cereal are fed during the

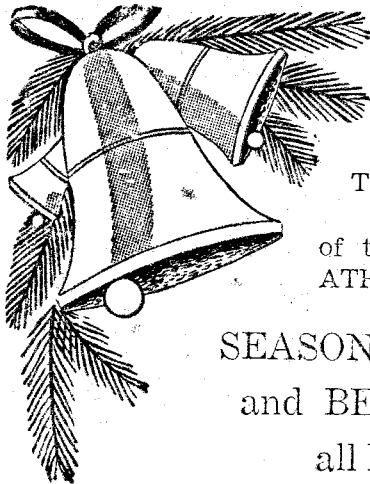
year. A potential market that is not controlled as yet by any marketing board. If all mink farmers were equipped to feed cereals, the tonnage used would be quite considerable for the Lac la Biche area alone.

Cereals are bound to play an important part in the feed rations as the other feeds become higher in price. The disease-free record of Mr. Berkelo's farm would appear to justify the more popular use of cereals when all the farms become equipped for the mechanical mixing and cooking of cereals. Some ranchers who are feeding straight meat and fish are losing mink this fall. Three hundred and fifty bushels fed on this one ranch will more than likely be the board quota for the next four or five months for any grain farm in this area. If and when any room is available in the one lonely elevator at Lac la Biche.

The high cost of feed, building material, wire and other hardware supplies and last, but not least, the rising taxation costs, demands a higher standard of efficiency to make a reasonable living fur farming. Mr. Berkelo feels that his big investment in buildings and equipment will pay off in the future. His ten years experience gives him confidence that he can meet future eventualities as they come.

However, there is one peculiar fact about the fur business that no man as yet, has been able to control to any great extent. Women wear most of the furs; should their tastes change for other realms of endeavour in the search for glamour, prices of furs might be adversely affected. The worry being that I can foresee in the future, would be that the farmer's wife might then be able to wear one of their own self-raised white

mink coats. Just as long as men continue to admire well dressed women, the fur farming business will provide a good living for men a year and the fifty two Sundays.



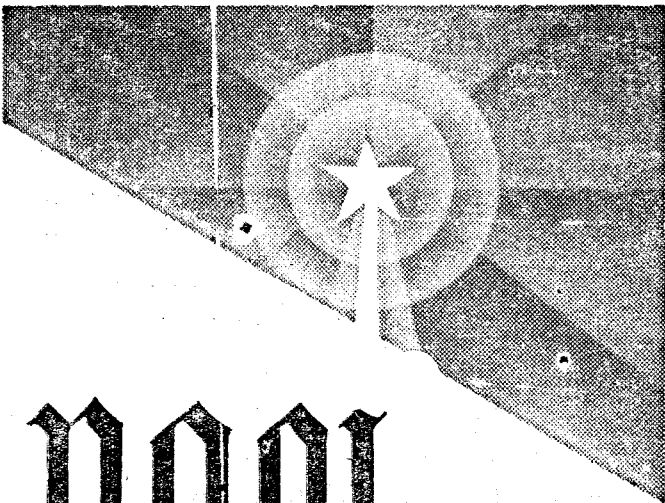
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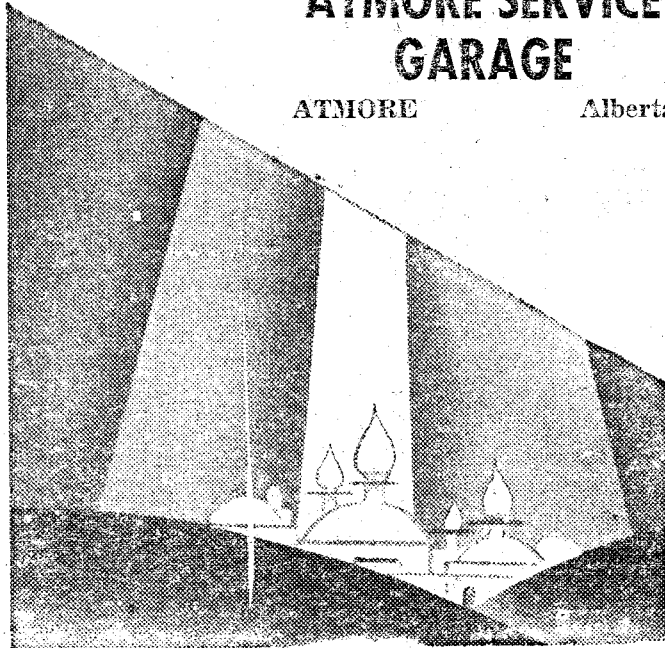


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Honors Students Receive Award

LAC LA BICHE — The amateur night held recently in Lac la Biche proved the occasion for presentation of numerous awards to two outstanding and deserving students of Lac la Biche School. These students are Mary Osterholm and Colette Langevin, both of whom were awarded "honors" standing by the department of education for their work in grade nine.

A \$25.00 cash prize was presented to Mary Osterholm by Mrs. J. B. Bouvier, president, on behalf of the Ladies of St. Catharine's. To Colette Langevin went a similar amount, presented from the Women's Institute by vice-president, Mrs. W. A. Coast.

J. A. Williams, chairman of the Lac la Biche Divisional Board, made a presentation of a \$25.00 cheque to each girl. The Board has resolved, Mr. Williams stated, that from now on this amount shall be paid to every winner of "honors" standing in departmental examinations in the Lac la Biche School Division.

Cedar chests of stationery from the Students' Union were given by Iris Duban, secretary. Acting for the Lions Club, president J. S. Lore presented the girls with handsome gold signet rings inscribed with their initials.

It is reported by Mr. McMillan, principal of Lac la Biche School, that Mary and Colette are now

working as conscientiously in grade ten as they did in grade nine, completely unspoiled by the honor and recognition they have received.

Modern Hamlet Being Built North On NAR

LAC LA BICHE — Anzac — A pinpoint on the Alberta map and mere whistle stop on the Northern Alberta Railway line is taking on important status among Northern Alberta towns. Modern buildings, with up-to-date houses and modern facilities are being built at this point just 20 miles south of Waterways.

That's because Anzac has been chosen as one of the look-out stations in the early warning defence system. It is on the "mid Canada" line of warning stations situated at specified distances across the North American continent in the same latitude.

The railway has considered Anzac such an important point that a full-time station agent has been posted there. Menix Construction of Edmonton is the contractor in charge of construction. Approximately 30 freight cars of material are being moved to Anzac each week over the N.A.R. lines.

Here's a friendly wish that you will enjoy the happiest of holidays.

24 Won Turkeys At Lions' Bingo

LAC LA BICHE — Though turkeys are scarce on the market here this Christmas season, there are 24 lucky winners whose families won't go without a Christmas turkey dinner. They are the winners at the recent Lions' Club Turkey Bingo.

Particularly lucky was Angelina Courtney who won the 25-lb. bird. Altogether about 300 persons played Bingo with the Lions.

Ellscoff

Herb's Tanski of Toronto, is spending his holidays at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tanski.

Johnny and Walter Wlos are working this winter for the Calgary Power Co.

Miss Freda Machholz is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. V. Knobloch and Mr. and Mrs. L. Knobloch.

Henry Seifridt Jr. and Gerald Tanski visited their homes over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Clark attended the funeral of Mr. Clark's father, Mrs. G. Clark of Strome, who passed away recently.

Lac la Biche

In a curling game with the Men's Club, the high school team lost their first game to Jack Olstad, N.A.R. operator.

Fred Harm is leading in the curling competitions with four or five other rinks close runners-up.

For the first time in many years, the streets of Lac la Biche had snowdrifts five feet high. The highway to Boyle was impassable until a snowplough came through.

Joe Chow, manager of the Royal Cafe, spent a few days in St. Catharine's Hospital.

The fire department answered a call to quell a chimney fire at the Lloyd residence.

Venice

Mrs. Vincent Zevola spent a few days in the Lac la Biche hospital last week.

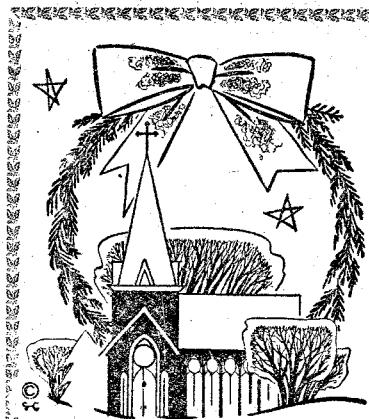
Mrs. Pete Bezpolko has gone to Edmonton to spend a few days visiting friends and relatives.

John Lackovich, from Waterways, is home on a holiday.

Mrs. Wallace Derkach is now in an Edmonton hospital after breaking her ankle.

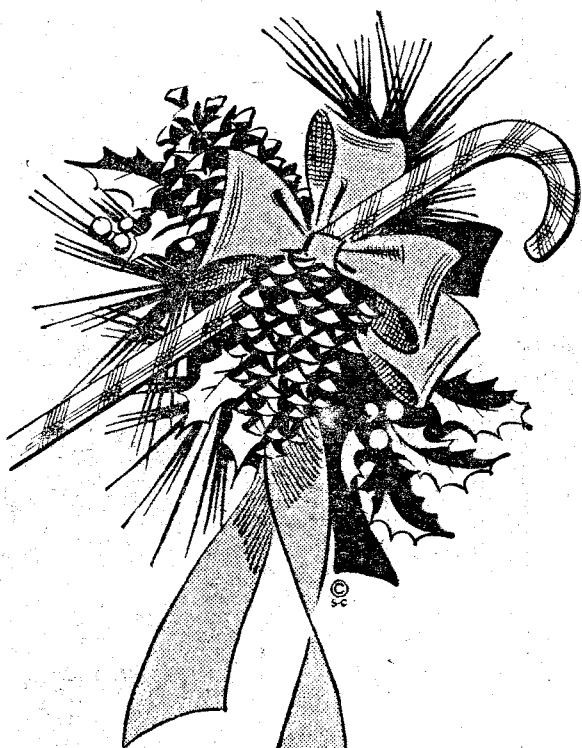
The school bus was unable to pass a few days last week on account of the drifted snow.

May your Christmas be quite jolly, and your New Year full of fun. We wish everyone of you the best there is through 1956.



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those of the New Year. We thank you all
for your every kindness and hope you have a

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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United Church of Canada Plays Host to Russian Clergymen



THREE RUSSIAN CHURCH LEADERS, Anatole Gorbachev, Archpriest; Konstantin Ruzhitsky, rector of Moscow's theological seminary; and Archbishop Boris, exarch for North and South America of the Moscow patriarchate, who arrived in Edmonton

last week, are being greeted by Rt. Rev. George Dorey, moderator of the United Church of Canada, on their arrival in Toronto. More than 600 persons listened intently to a sermon by Archbishop Boris in the Metropolitan United Church, Monday night.

No Issue Next Week

This — the special Christmas issue — is the last paper to be printed in 1955. During the holiday season out of 10 otherwise normal working days there are three holidays and it is impossible to publish two issues in the two weeks' period.

However, the regular issues will again be printed the first week in January and reporters are asked to send in their news with full details of happenings during the Christmas season.

Papers Forced To Boost Price Across Canada

Due to the increased cost of labour and news print, papers all across Canada are forced to increase subscription rates. The Saskatoon Star-Phoenix announced the first increase as did the Timmins Daily Press in Ontario. This represents almost 50% increase in subscription rates. Single copy rates in both city and country will be raised from five cents to seven cents a copy.

Paxson

Mrs. Hayes celebrated her 93rd birthday on Dec. 6. She is believed to be the oldest person in the Paxson district. Mrs. Hayes is still quite active and takes care of her own little house.

Earl Wright went to Edmonton on business.

A meeting was held at Silver Fox School for the purpose of obtaining power in Flat Lake Hall.

The hall committee was well pleased with the turn-out when the installing of lights and siding was completed on Flat Lake Hall and would like to thank all who attended, and special thanks to Mr. Beaudry for his free labor.

Another 'successful dance' was held at Flat Lake Hall.

The Silver Fox School Christmas tree and dance will be held in Flat Lake Hall on Friday, Dec. 23. George Sauers will supply the music.

Fire May Do More Damage, Kill More Albertans This Christmas

EDMONTON (BUP) — In issuing a warning for the forthcoming holiday season, Provincial Fire Commissioner A. E. Bridges stated that if care is not exercised, fire damage during December, 1955, may set a new record.

During 1953 and 1954 fire losses in the month of December totalled more than \$1,500,000.

Christmas trees, paper decorations and overcrowding of places of entertainment are all related to the special fire danger of the holiday season, warned Mr. Bridges.

The fire commissioner emphasized the importance of heeding the advice of fire chiefs in cities, towns and villages. Countless saving in lives and property could be achieved if people would observe the fire chief's cautions.

Should a fire break out, Mr. Bridges stated that three basic things must never be forgotten:

1. Get everyone out of the building.
2. Call the fire department and other help.
3. And finally, fight the fire with available equipment till help arrives.

"By observing the regulations established by your fire department and giving them your co-operation," concluded Mr. Bridges, "we can have a December and a Christmas unmarred by the ravages of fire."

Grassland

Recent guests at Grassland include: Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Crse, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Pasay from Edmonton, and John Sutton from Devon.

Mrs. Garnier returned to the city with the Leonard Corse.

Mrs. Nick Semenchuk also spent a few days in the city, as did Mrs. Nick Derko.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Kanzig are the proud parents of a baby girl.

D. S. Semeniuk has received the sad news of the death of his brother, John of Andrew, which occurred very suddenly. Mr. and Mrs. Semeniuk attended the funeral.

Hello! Here's health and a wealth of joy this Christmas Day!

Calgary Clergy Think Santa O.K.

Everyone has his own idea of Santa, some think he's a "Jolly Saint Nicholas" with his eight tiny reindeer, others have described him as a debauched drinking uncle, but Calgary clergy think he's one of the best.

Rev. R. C. Plant of Adelaide Street Baptist church in London, Ont., called Santa a "red-faced, pot-bellied representative of materialism," earlier this week. When the Albertan called several Calgary clergymen to find what they thought of him, Santa was all right with them four to one.

Providing Santa didn't overshadow the religious side of the Christian festival, his place in the Christmas theme was generally recognized by ministers.

Rev. Gerald B. Switzer, minister of Central United Church, stated "criticism of Santa can be overdone. It provides a place for children's imagination."

Santa was part of a fable and there was no harm in the story providing it was kept in its proper place. Rev. Alfred Miller, minister of Mt. Calvary English Lutheran church, believed.

Rev. William J. Lang, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church considered Santa a symbol. "All the children in our church, from about four years old up, know who gives Christmas presents, but they still talk about him, and go to see him in store windows and the same. He is a symbol of Christmas."

"Santa is the general expression of a giving spirit," commented Rev. S. J. B. Parsons, minister of Scarboro United Church. As long as the story was not permitted to overshadow the religious side of the occasion, Mr. Parsons had nothing against it. "Santa is traditional in many lands," he stated.

May this Christmas be the merriest ever!

High Pelt Prices At Coast Spell Good News For Alberta Mink Ranchers

VANCOUVER — The good news went to a Toronto company. for mink ranchers in British Columbia and Alberta came last week at the first auction sale of the season.

"Up, up," shouted the auctioneer's spotters, and up went the bids to total nearly \$2,000,000 in Vancouver's first of two mink sales this season, the richest ever here and one of the biggest in western Canada.

At the first sale last week, Western Canada Raw Fur Auction Sales Ltd., offered about 70,000 pelts raised on British Columbia ranches to buyers from Paris, New York, Los Angeles, Seattle and Montreal. About 90 per cent were sold.

Top price was \$70 a skin for a lot of leutitia mutation skins owned by L. Freckleton of Haney, B. C. The buyer was Ben Bobrowl on behalf of a New York firm. The leutitia is a luxurious, silver-grey fur and the price was a local record.

Highest price ever paid in Canada for standard dark pelts was \$44.50 a skin by L. Franks of New York for an offering of black majestics raised by Dick Trude of nearby Lulu Island.

A Cerulean fur, formerly known as sapphires, brought \$61 for rancher Bob Collings of New Westminster. The skins were purchased by a Vancouver buyer for ship-

Theo Pappas, president of the auction firm, says the second sale week "will be the largest offering ever made in Canada".

Some of the 80,000 pelts to be sold are beginning to move in to the musk-sneeling showroom. Average price for the skins is about \$30 and the offering will be worth about \$2,500,000.

Overheated Smoke Stack Causes Fire

LAC LA BICHE — An overheated smoke stack at the NAR shops caused a fire which caused slight damage to the roof at 7 a.m.

The watchman called the fire brigade as soon as the fire was noticed and an all-clear was sounded at 7:20.

Treasury Branch Is Renovated

LAC LA BICHE — The Department of Public Works is making renovations in the interior of the building, which for many years housed the Treasury Branch. The concrete vault has been removed and walls, ceiling and woodwork have been given a new look by a fresh coat of paint.

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and the Happiest of New Years!

CHAS. LEBAS

LAC LA BICHE Alberta

News From Other Alberta Towns

Big Storm Hits Slave Lake

One of the worst storms for many years hit the Slave Lake district this week, according to the old-timers. The wind at times reached a velocity of 50 miles per hour, with the thermometer registering some 10 degrees below.

Snow drifts piled up some four and five feet in places and traffic was brought to a standstill.

Many lumber trucks were bogged down around Slave Lake and most of the school children stayed home.

On Tuesday, Trautman Motors had their "cat" out and helped clear the roads together with the local Provincial Government works.

Everyone is cleaning their sidewalks and the front of their abodes so that they may come and go with some ease.

Mercy Flight Takes Blood To Peace River

EDMONTON (BUP) An Air Force plane from the 105 Communications and Rescue Unit at Namao, left last Wednesday on a mercy flight to Peace River. Officials said they received a request for emergency blood supplies from a Doctor Archibald to aid a critically ill woman at Peace River.

Red Cross officials in Edmonton rushed the blood to Namao and the plane took off shortly after 9:00 p.m. on the mercy flight.

One In Hospital After Car-Truck Accident

FALHER — Alphonse Martineau's car was hit by a truck from Valleyview last Tuesday, Dec. 6, when Mrs. Martineau and her daughter, Mrs. Leo Desfosses were driving home with Arthur Desfosses as chauffeur. They were returning from McLennan where they had been visiting Alphonse Martineau, a patient at the hospital.

It seemed that the steering wheel on the truck went suddenly out of alignment and the driver was unable to steer the vehicle onto his side of the road. Seeing the truck running into them, Arthur Desfosses ran the car into the ditch, nevertheless it received a side scrape that caused great damage.

The occupants were uninjured. However, Mrs. Martineau was taken to the hospital where she was treated for shock. Later pleurisy developed from her exposure to cold after the accident.

Students Show Enthusiasm For Basketball

VEGREVILLE—There are many discussions on the subject of basketball in the Vegreville High School. Over-enthusiastic students want to get in and start to play. However, according to the principal there is much more to basketball than just playing.

First, the rules of the game have to be learned, and then the different tactics of play, so the students are settling down and trying to learn the game from the ground up, and after all, that is where the game is learned, from the ground, and then up right into the basket.

It is expected that a league will be formed in the future.

Slave Lake Woman Dies From Exposure On Snow Drifted Roads

A tragedy occurred approximately 10 miles south of Slave Lake, when Mrs. George (Violet) Derbyshire was found unconscious on a snow-drifted road during the height of the blizzard and rushed to the nurse's clinic, but was pronounced dead on arrival.

Apparently Mr. and Mrs. Derbyshire were returning to Slave Lake with a load of lumber from one of the camps and were caught in the storm.

After spending the night and day in the truck, they ran out of gas and started out on foot. Mr. Derbyshire, after carrying his wife through the drifts, became exhausted and continued on alone, looking for help.

Finally, he stumbled to the home of an old timer near the old town of Slave Lake. After some time it was learned that his wife was still on the road. After a long search she was found and rushed to Slave Lake where the local dis-

trict nurse found she had died from exposure during the bitter night.

Mr. and Mrs. Derbyshire came here about three months ago. Mrs. Derbyshire was 28 years old. The couple have no children.

Mr. Derbyshire is employed by now at home suffering from shock, frozen hands and feet, and is under care of the district nurse.

All of us are wishing all of you the best the season has to offer! That covers good health, good friends, good times and good fortune!

\$53 Taken From Service Station

FALHER — A break-in and theft occurred at the Maple Leaf Oil station between the hours of 11 p.m. Dec. 8 and 6 a.m., Dec. 9. Early that morning, the manager, Gerard Doucet, found the glass of the door broken and the cash register opened and empty. There was about \$53.00 in small change stolen.

Islay Hunters Bag Two Moose

Two groups went from Islay one from south side, two others from north side to hunt big game in Alberta bushland.

Northside hunters have returned, each with a moose. Those from the south had not returned at time of writing. All had gone west from Edmonton.

Fire Brigade Quells Blaze In Sub-Zero Weather

HIGH PRAIRIE—The Fire Brigade responded to a call to the Walker residence on Monday afternoon when a chimney fire was extinguished without any damage resulting.

Tuesday morning about 11:30 a.m. they were again called out to fight a blaze in one of the Konelsky cabins. The fire was well advanced when the alarm was turned in after being discovered by the occupant, Mrs. Dorn. The cabin was occupied by Joe Dorn, who is employed as a trucker on the crude oil haul and his wife and two children, Douglas 3½ and Ronnie 15 months. The mother was busy in the yard and had left the two children in the house. On returning indoors, she found the interior in flames, but was able to rescue the children.

In the 10 below zero weather, the firemen under Chief Roy Ellis, ran one line of hose from the hydrant at 2nd St. E. and 1st Ave. and three lines on the fire bringing it under control and preventing the spread of the fire to other cabins. Damage to the interior was extensive and loss is estimated at approximately \$15,000. It was necessary for the brigade to return in the afternoon when fire broke out again but was quickly extinguished.

Local Men Escape Icy Bath In River

Two Redwater men escaped an icy bath in the North Saskatchewan River on Saturday, when the weak ice at the Amelia ferry crossing gave way under the weight of their heavy trucks.

Eddie Lambert, driving a heavy vacuum tank cleaning truck, owned by Tartan Transport of Redwater, was crossing on the ice and was almost in the middle of the river when the ice suddenly "boomed" and gave way. He immediately jumped from the truck, and sped toward the bank of the river. When he looked back, seconds later, the truck had settled in ten feet of water, with only the high back of the truck tank above water.

George Knupp, also employed by Tartan Transport, driving a heavy winch truck, attempted to tow the sunken vehicle out of the ice. The ice gave way beneath his truck and he too had to run for safety as it settled through the ice.

Extensive salvage operations were carried on during Saturday night, with jack hammers and ice saws being used to break the thick coating of ice which formed over the trucks during the night. In the salvage effort another truck was ditched in the river.

On Sunday afternoon, a powerful new rig belonging to McLean Diversified was taken round by Edmonton to the north river bank. At time of going to press it was reported that two of the trucks had been towed out of the river, and the salvage operations were continuing.

Also assisting at the scene of the accident were winch trucks from Imperial Oil and Pacific Petroleum.

The ice at the Amelia ferry crossing is not too safe, water having seeped up during the pipe-laying operations for the new gas plant.

This is the first report of a vehicle going through the river ice this year.

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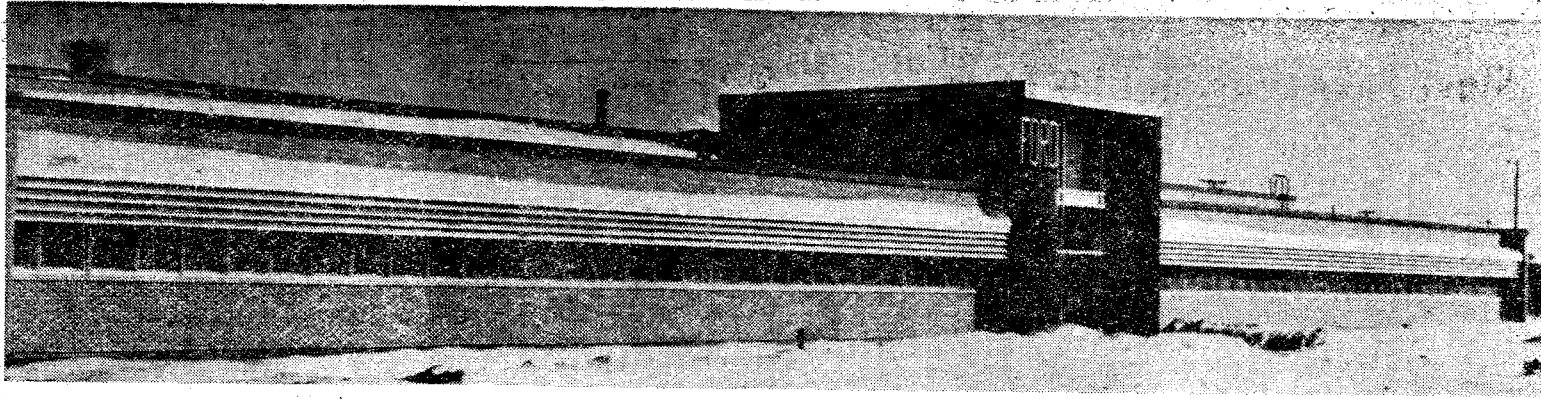
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A parts and accessories depot similar to this depot in Regina is to be built at Edmonton by Ford Motor Company of Canada, Limited. To cost more than \$1,000,000, the brick and steel structure will

have 74,000 square feet of floor space, and will be ready for occupancy by December, 1956.

Lost 10 Hours In Raging Blizzard

EDMONTON — Thirteen residents of Mulhurst, 35 miles southwest of Edmonton, related the story of a 10-hour struggle to find respite in a farm-house from last week's raging blizzard.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorn Barnet and three children, Ricky, Billie and Kenny; Mr. and Mrs. Togan Adair and two children; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vangan, Joseph Chisholm and James Rimmer labored from 3 p.m. Monday until 1 a.m. Tuesday to travel seven miles on the road from Thorsby, 30 miles southwest of here toward Mulhurst.

All but Mr. Vangan, Mr. Rimmer and Mr. Barnett, who were ahead of the car in a winch truck, were in one car.

"We met in Thorsby in my car and Mr. Adair's," Mr. Vangan related. "We thought it would be safer to travel together with the winch truck ahead to open the way."

Mr. Vangan said that after about five miles, they decided to load everyone except the three men into one car.

"Another two miles and we finally were stopped for good in about six feet of snow," Mr. Vangan said.

He said he knew there was a farm nearby but had to go back to the truck to get warm. Mr. Barnett and Mr. Rimmer tried it together and finally made it 700 feet to the farm. They were given

blankets and all the clothing the farmer could spare and managed to make their way back to the stalled vehicles.

"We wrapped up the women and kids as best we could but it took two trips to get them all to the farmhouse."

Over \$10,000 Grant For New Health Unit

EDMONTON (BUP)—The health department announced that health grants have been awarded to three Alberta hospitals and one Saskatchewan hospital.

A grant of \$10,320 was awarded to Edmonton to help build the new Woodcraft Health Clinic. The new building will provide space for a well-baby clinic, a dental clinic and laboratory and x-ray facilities.

Silver Spoons For 86 Babies

EDMONTON — Eighty-six babies born in Alberta on Sept. 1 this year will receive sterling silver spoons from the provincial government as part of the celebration marking Alberta's 50th anniversary as a province. Each spoon will bear the crest of the province and the child's name.

Parents of all children born Sept. 1 will receive a copy of the golden jubilee anthology.

Hotel Assoc. Urges "No Drinking When Driving"

The busiest hosts in Canada during the Christmas-New Year's holiday season are deeply concerned about highway and street accidents which each year take a heavy toll of life.

"The mid-winter holiday period is our busiest season," A. G. Swinarton, president of the Alberta Hotel Association, said last week. "During the next few weeks we will be welcoming thousands of guests, young and old. We hope to serve them well, but we also are anxious that they should do everything possible to survive the holiday without injuries or accidental death.

"Our staffs are under orders not to serve alcoholic beverages to guests who have already had enough, or too much to drink. We

try to follow that policy and remain courteous and attentive. May we urge our prospective guests to keep that in mind and not feel that they are being badly treated or insulted.

"At this holiday season when so many people and organizations are urging special precautions to avoid accidents, we join with them in suggesting that holiday merry-makers observe these few simple rules:

1. Leave your car at home and travel by taxi or bus.
2. If you must drive your own car, be extremely moderate in your drinking and before you leave home, restaurant, or hotel, drink a cup of strong coffee as your "one for the road."
3. If you over-indulge, coffee or some other alertness beverage will help you, but you should leave your car where it is and take a taxi home or drive with friends.
4. If all our guests observe these rules, it will be a merrier Christmas for us and also for them," Mr. Swinarton concluded.

JOY TO ALL

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It's an old and happy custom. But it warms our hearts, to wish each of you a Merry Christmas.

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Merry Christmas

There are many ways to say it
But none are quite so clear as
"Here a Merry CHRISTMAS
And a HAPPY NEW YEAR!"

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Yuletide Greetings

Tho' it's the jolliest of seasons we're not jesting when we wish you a Merry Christmas!

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Communion Table Is Dedicated To P.O. Sawle

ATHABASCA — On Sunday morning, a lovely oak Communion Table was dedicated at the regular service at the Athabasca United Church. The table was presented to the church by A. L. Sawle, the first manager of the Imperial Bank in Athabasca, in memory of his son, Pilot Officer North Sawle, who was killed in an aeroplane crash in Karachi, India, almost two years ago.

North Sawle was known to many of the Northern Alberta residents as a busy pilot. At the time of his death he was piloting planes for the C.P.A. His younger brother was killed in a similar mishap in London, England, while testing a Comet Jet Airliner, which exploded in mid-air.

Dr. H. A. Gilchrist President C of C

For the first time in many years a Chamber of Commerce was formed in Westlock. Dr. H. A. Gilchrist was named president, Norman Miller, vice-president, Gordon Rennie, secretary-treasurer and R. T. Little, R. Pallister and Rudy Renaud, directors. It was decided to stage a membership drive both in Westlock as well as Clyde and Tawatinaw and in the rural areas.

Marie Irla Becomes Bride Frank Shewch

ATHABASCA — A wedding took place in the Roman Catholic Church at Pleasant View on Nov. 19, when Marie Irla became the bride of Frank Shewch of Tway, Sask.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a strapless gown with fitted lace bodice, lace bolero and a hooped skirt with scallops of lace and double net over satin.

The bride's attendants were

Anne Shewchuk, sister of the groom and Julia Gorski and Wanda Galus.

Attending the groom were Michael Irla, Carl Shewchuk and Victor Warner.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, after which the wedding party drove to Athabasca to have pictures taken.

The couple will reside at Fort Saskatchewan.

Mary Demurak, Anthony Angus Exchange Vows

TAWATINAW — Mary Demurak, a former high school student of Tawatinaw and Anthony Angus of Clyde, were married recently in the Metropolitan United Church, Edmonton. Rev. Reid Vipond officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, Owen Anderson of Rochester. The bridesmaids were Miss Anne Demurak of Calgary, Miss Mary Stasiuk of Linaria and Miss Irene Petryshyn of Edmonton.

The groom's attendants were Edward Patrick, Bernard Fizer and Albert Patrick.

A reception was held at the home of the groom's parents, where the bride's table was centered with a beautifully decorated wedding cake flanked by tall vases of flowers. More than 200 guests were present.

Owen Anderson proposed the toast to the bride.

The newly-weds will make their home on the groom's farm at Clyde.

L.P.P. Leader Condemns Federal Farm Policies

NESTOW — Speaking at a public meeting at Nestow on Saturday evening, Dec. 10, attended by approximately 200 people, B. R. Swankey, provincial L.P.P. leader, criticized federal government policy on bank loans and farm exports.

"Farmers need cash advances, not bank loans", declared Mr. Swankey, "federal government legislation providing bank loans at 5% interest is just another way of mortgaging farmers to the banks. It is a denial of the principle upon which the government supposedly established the Wheat Board. That principle was that the Wheat Board would buy and pay for all grain. Now the government refuses to either buy or pay for our grain and is trying to force farmers into the clutches of the banks. The farmers of western Canada condemn this evasion trick."

Mr. Swankey stated the L.P.P. is proposing that farmers be given cash advances from the federal treasury on farm stored grain and that such advances be paid through the Wheat Board.

Pointing to the loss of farm markets Mr. Swankey said: "Today Canadian exports of wheat and other farm produce are declining. Meanwhile U.S. exports are steadily going up. One of the reasons for this is that the Canadian government will sell only for dollars, and most countries are short of dollars so they can't buy. Meanwhile the U.S. is making barter

deals with other countries and also accepting their local currencies—with great benefit to itself."

HSA Sees Film

ATHABASCA — The December meeting of the HSA, which was held on Friday, Dec. 9, was well-attended. The HSA creed was read by Miss Laura Scott. Frank Appleby, vice-president, conducted the meeting.

During the business part of the meeting a number of matters were dealt with, among them were the financial returns from the recently-held dance and the HSA fellowship which was presented to Rose Chorzempa last week.

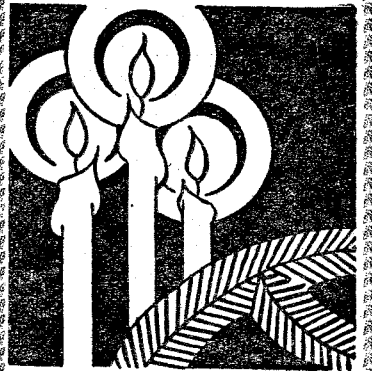
The banner went to Mrs. Happ's room. Following this, a reading by Mrs. Collins was greatly appreciated.

The second part of the evening was devoted to "Health." An educational health film, "Why Won't

Tommy Eat?" was shown. Dr. Peter Steblyk gave an informative and instructive talk on children's teeth, after which a question period followed, giving the parents an opportunity to ask questions which were answered by Dr. Steblyk.

It was regretted that Dr. J. Brown, who was scheduled to speak, was unable to attend.

SEASON'S GREETINGS



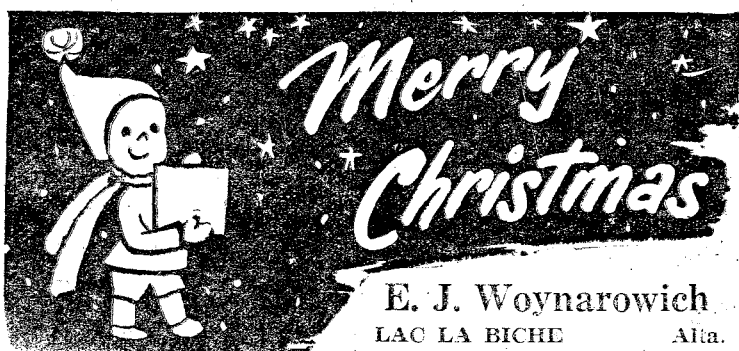
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May your Holiday

be gay as candlelight,

bright as its glow!

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Michaelle Wright, Tony Stychin Pledge Vows In Double-Ring Ceremony

ATHABASCA — At a double-ring ceremony in Athabasca United Church Dec. 3, Michaelle Rosalind Wright, elder daughter of Dr. E. K. Wright and the late Mrs. Wright became the bride of John Michael Stychin, son of Mr. Tony Stychin and the late Mrs. Stychin of Meanook. Rev. T. E. Thomas performed the ceremony.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a cocktail length gown of white nylon taffeta with hooped skirt and embroidered fitted bolero with lily point sleeves. Her rhinestone studded veil was held in place by a halo headdress. She carried yellow roses flushed with pink.

The bridesmaid, Miss Erin Wright, sister of the bride, wore a dusky rose net over satin pleated bodice and matching mittens. She carried white baby mums with yellow centres.

Best man was Robin Wright of Drumheller brother of the bride. Ushers were the bride's two

younger brothers, Jamie and Danny.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Union Hotel banquet room. D. B. Hunter acted as m.c. and O. Nelson proposed a toast to the bride, to which the groom responded.

Out-of-town guests included Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hodgson, Miss Irene Bucklu, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kowalek and Miss Nellie Sideroff, all of Edmonton, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Poczynsek of Meanook, Miss Pamela Martin, Mrs. Tom Martin of Grande Prairie, Allan Germundson and E. J. Risdale of Rochester.

After a honeymoon trip to Calgary, Mr. and Mrs. Stychin will make their home in Athabasca.

Tawatnaw

Miss Isabel Zarowny of Peace River was a visitor here after attending her cousin's wedding.

Warren Wilson had the misfortune to fracture his ankle.

Bill Beedell has gone to Drayton Valley where he will be employed during the winter months.

Steve Kerik, who spent the summer months working in the Yukon, has returned home for the winter months.

Miss Marion Batog was a contestant in the "Search for Talent" show sponsored by Radio Station CFRN. She sang and played a guitar.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Sarnecki spent the week-end in Edmonton.

Mr. E. Harwardt of Hazel Bluff is home after working in the oil fields.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lyons, also of Hazel Bluff, have left for Powell River, B.C., for the winter months.

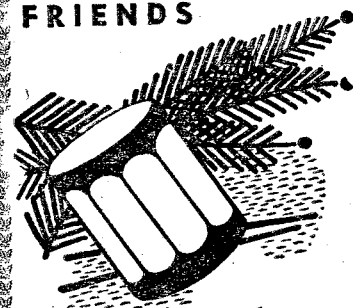
Now Dealers For John Deere

Kopchia and Son, whose garage and service station is located on the new highway at Tawatnaw, have recently taken on a new dealership. It is for John Deere farm machinery. Previously the firm handled Cockshutt Farm Implements.

Doll Raffled

ATHABASCA — St. Gabriel's Parish raffled a beautiful doll at the card party Dec. 19, at the church. The doll, whose wardrobe was made by the ladies of

TO OUR MANY
FRIENDS



BEST
WISHES

Derko's Service
GRASSLAND Alta.

this parish, was displayed in the window of the Variety Store. Proceeds go towards the finishing of the St. Gabriel's Church.



Merry
Christmas

TO YOU ALL!

To you, and you,
and you, our
friends, neighbors
and customers! We
gladly join with
others whose privilege
it has been to
serve you in sending
you our heartiest
greetings!

IRENE'S BEAUTY
PARLOUR

Lac la Biche Alta.

Mrs. Lucy Gyte Presented With Life Membership

COLINTON — On Thursday afternoon, the Colinton United Church Women's Association met at the home of Mrs. Blanche Wray. This was a special meeting, when the ladies gathered to witness the president of the group Mrs. M. Sauve, presented Mrs. Lucy Gyte with a life membership and pin. Mrs. Gyte has been a member for nearly 30 years. She was the first secretary-treasurer when the group was organized, some years before there was a United Church in Colinton. She has been the superintendent of the United Church Sunday School for the past ten years, and in the early days was the organist. A number of Christmas carols were sung and the group sang the doxology before going home. Lunch was served by Mrs. Wray.

To Appear In 'Search For Talent'

PERRYVALE — Len McCluskey has been invited to appear on CFRN's television talent show on Monday, Jan. 2, at 8:30 p.m. Len wishes to thank those whose generous donations to the Crippled Children's Fund helped him to reach the top in the Clyde Search For Talent show.

Brazil plans no change in its coffee price policy.

MERRY
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Season's
Greetings

Peace on earth good will to men.
Let joy and happiness fill your
heart during this Yuletide season

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CHRISTMAS CAROLS

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him, born the King of
angels;

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ, the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above:
Glory to God, in the highest, glory!

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ, the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born for our salvation,
Jesus, forever be Thy name adored;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ, the Lord.

CRADLE HYMN

Away in the manger, no crib for His bed,
The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet
head;

The stars in the heavens look'd down
where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the poor baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes;
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down
from the sky
And stay by my cradle to watch lullaby

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in Thy
tender care,
And take us to heaven to live with Thee
there.

Away in the manger, no crib for His bed,
The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet
head.
The stars in the heavens look'd down
where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep in the hay.

THE FIRST NOEL

The first Noel the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields
as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

REFRAIN:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a Star
Bright in the East beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

REFRAIN

And by the light of that same Star,
Three Wise Men came from country far;
To seek for a King was their intent,
And to follow the Star wherever it went.

REFRAIN

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!
Peace on earth, and mercy mild;
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all ye nations, rise;
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King."

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Let us then with angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild;
God and sinners reconciled!"
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King."

IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on earth, good will to men,
From heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Still thro' the cloven skies they come,
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world:
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hov'ring wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

SILENT NIGHT

Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace.
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia;
Christ, the Saviour, is born!
Christ, the Saviour, is born!

Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth!
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth!

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie:
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by:
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary;
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth;
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.

JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n,
And heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns,
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods—rocks, hills, plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat,
Repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessing flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as,
Far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders,
And wonders of His love.

GOD REST YOU MERRY GENTLEMEN

God rest you merry gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Saviour
Was born on Christmas Day,
To save us all from Satan's pow'r
When we were gone astray.

CHORUS:

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

In Bethlehem, in Jewry,
This blessed Babe was born,
And laid within a manger,
Upon this blessed morn;
The which His Mother, Mary,
Did nothing take in scorn.

From God our Heavenly Father,
A blessed Angel came;
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name.

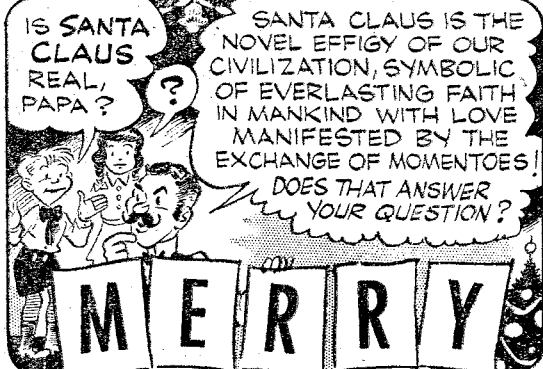
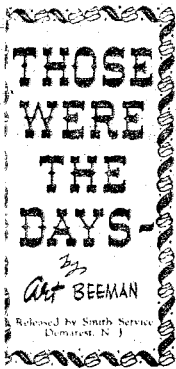
The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding,
In tempest, storm and wind:
And went to Bethlehem straightway,
The Son of God to find.

And when they came to Bethlehem
Where our dear Saviour lay,
They found Him in a manger,
Where oxen feed on hay;
His mother Mary kneeling down,
Unto the Lord did pray.

Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All other doth deface.

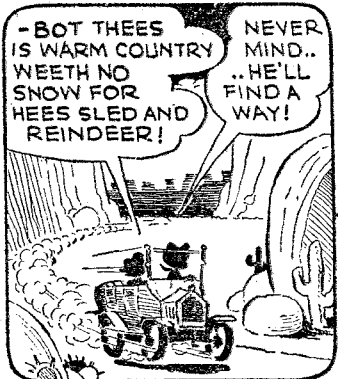
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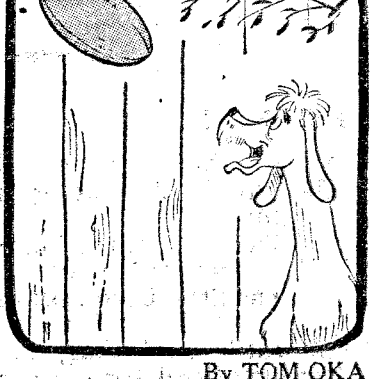
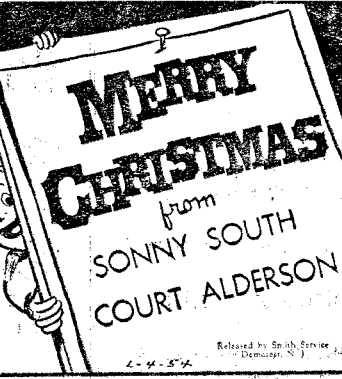
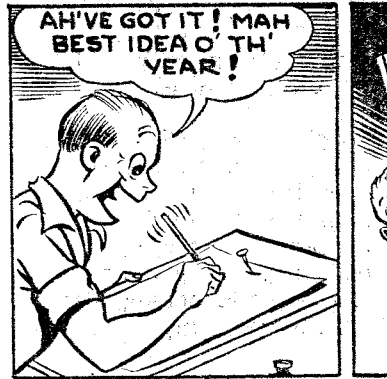
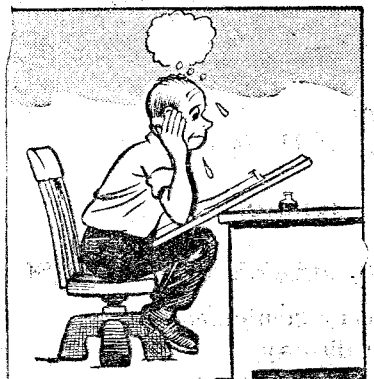
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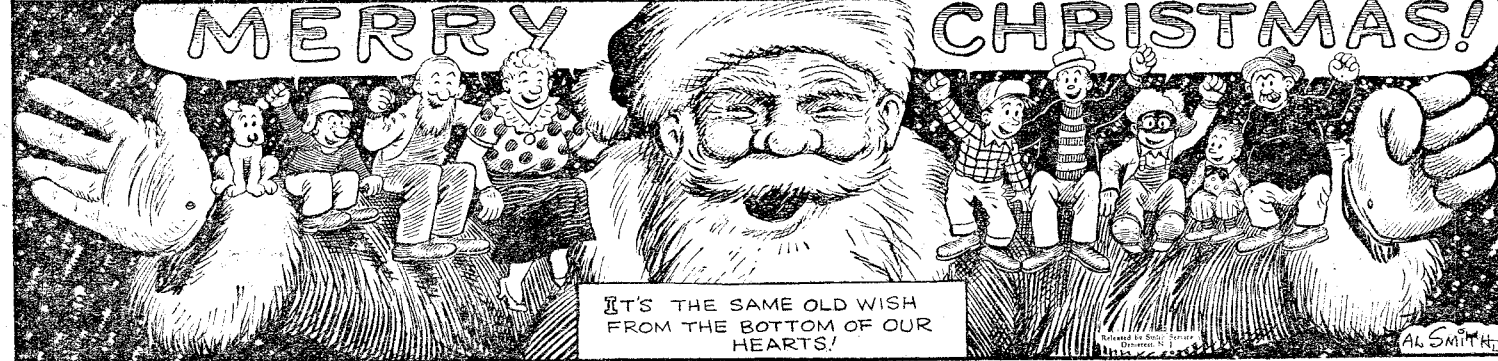
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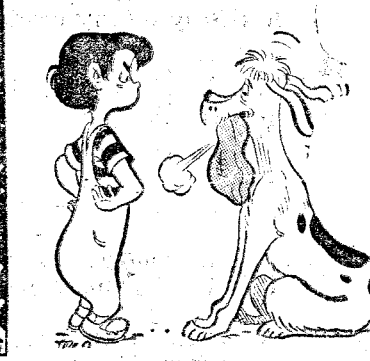


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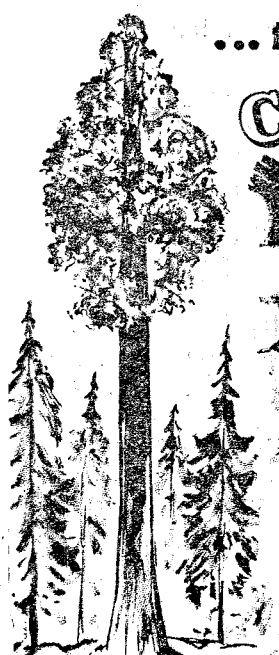
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...to all, a Merry old
CHRISTMAS



BUT THE CALENDAR IS CONFUSED!
Our Lord, JESUS CHRIST
was born in Jerusalem
IN THE YEAR 4 B.C.!

EVERY CHRISTMAS
thousands of
people of all faiths
gather to worship
at AMERICA'S
CHRISTMAS TREE!
(The General Grant
Redwood tree, in Kings
Canyon National Park)

BETHLEHEM,
Pennsylvania, WAS FOUNDED
ON CHRISTMAS EVE, 1741!



Uncle
CHARLEY'S
"Epigrams"

Tubby Tyler is always fishin' for compliments but hardly ever gets a bite.

Sometimes a soft answer will save a hard punch on the nose.

Some fellers have to act tough just to keep from bein' found out but they are.

Zed Peters can't think of many things to talk about so he just repeats.

Seldom do mulish men ever show much horse sense.

One reason Tod Bolton is popular he kin keep his mouth shut in seven languages.

Life really spins, it's such a short time from pig tails to cocktails.

Catty women and vacuums are so much alike; Both purr and take in the dirt.

Some gals could have the new look if they had the old parts.

After all, it's much better to be looked up to than round at.

—REV. CHARLEY GRANT
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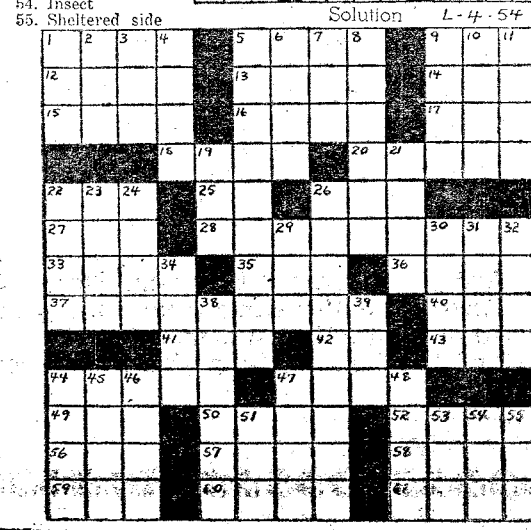
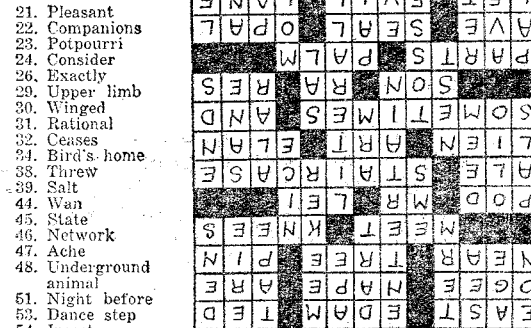
Crossword

ACROSS

- The Orient
- Kind of cheese
- Spread to dry
- Curved molding
- Back of neck
- Part of to be
- Close to
- Large woody plant
- Metal fastener
- Encounter
- Leg joints
- Seed case
- Mister (abbr.)
- Hawaiian garland
- Malt beverage
- Stairs
- Legal claim
- Craft
- Dash
- Now and then
- Conjunction
- Male child
- Sun God
- Things, in law
- Separates
- Part of hand
- Hail!
- Close tightly
- Precious stone
- Allow
- Bad
- Narrow path
- Before
- Renounce
- Italian town

DOWN

- Period of time
- Era
- Ocean
- Specific period
- Amuse
- Small arrow
- Mimic
- More timid
- Narrow strip
- Great lake
- Laiks
- Printing measures





Everybody knows the old man in this picture. Of course it's Santa Claus, 1955 style. The little boy with him isn't well known. He is Wesley Pue, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Pue, of the Sun Publishing Co. Ltd.

DIPLOMAS PRESENTED TO NINETEEN FARMERS AT PLAMONDON MEETING

PLAMONDON — Two weeks ago the annual meeting of the Plamondon Agricultural Society saw presentation of diplomas to 19 district farmers. These were given for the 1955 Farm & Home Improvement Competition. Following is a list of those who received awards:

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. L'Heureux, Mr. and Mrs. Marcisse Menard, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Schaub, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Schaub, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schaub.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Schaub, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Bourassa, Mr. and Mrs. Alec Schaub, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Schaub, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gauthier, Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair Gauthier.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Gauthier, Mr. and Mrs. Roland C. Piquette, Mr. and Mrs. Urban Gauthier, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bosse.

Mr. and Mrs. Germain Labonte, Mr. and Mrs. Alec Plamondon, Mr. and Mrs. Orville J. Gauthier, Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Gauthier, J. M. Fontaine, District Agriculturalist from Edmonton presented the diplomas.

At the meeting, attended by approximately 150, the directors for the coming year were elected. Martin Schaub is president, and Mrs. Leo Bourassa was returned as secretary.

May this circle symbolize the growing circle of friends whom it has been our pleasure to serve these past years. We are grateful for these associations and wish every one of you a Joyous Season.

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Notice to Non-Ratepayers

Non-Ratepayers, whose contracts expire on December 31st, 1955, are advised that renewal must be made before that time.

Any contract purchased on or after January 1st, 1956, will be subject to a waiting period of 60 days.

This same policy will apply to contracts expiring at other times throughout the year.

Renewal must be made before the expiry date.

By order of the Board.

H. A. WITNEY—Secretary-Treasurer.

Only Three Decisions Of Local Magistrates Sent To Higher Court

LAC LA BICHE—Magistrate George Franchuk says the working conditions in the court are much better now with the new court room and magistrate's office in the new Provincial Building.

Two new desks are needed to complete the equipment in the court room which is beautifully styled with modern court room seats and panelling.

Mr. Franchuk says that since he became magistrate in Lac la Biche only three decisions have been appealed to a higher court. And in each of these cases his original decision has been sustained.

Since moving from Wandering River the Franchuk's have taken up residence opposite Michael Hamar's store. Ellen Franchuk will shortly take a three months' business course in Edmonton. She has been working right along at the office of the Department of Lands and Forests.

Plamondon

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Cecilia Dragon on the death of her son, Theodore Desnoyer.

Mrs. Martin Schaub is in hospital in Edmonton.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Dragon and family have moved down south where he is employed.

Miss Janelle Johnson has gone to White Court.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dave Dragon on Dec. 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Damasse Bourassa are the proud parents of their first child, Lucille, born Dec. 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Urban Plamondon are moving to Jasper Place.

Albert Chevigny from Clearwater, B.C. was home for a short visit.

May your Christmas sparkle with happiness.

Dr. K. W. Tenove

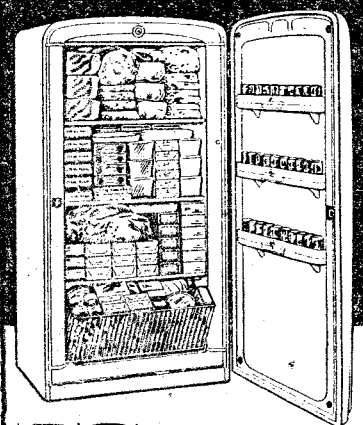
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Mrs. Zaluzny has been assisting in the Lac la Biche Mercantile store during the Christmas shopping season.

Dr. Peter Steblyk

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